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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. MYERS of Indiana].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

> Washington, DC, March 18, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable JOHN T. MYERS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

May we, O gracious God, make wise use of the gifts and abilities that You have given us. May our words edify and instruct, may our motivations promote justice and understanding, may our thoughts inspire us to be honest with ourselves, may our friendships encourage and stimulate, and may our deeds testify to the unity we have from You. Bless us, O God, and may Your benediction never depart from us. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

OFFICE OF THE CLERK, Washington, DC, March 15, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Friday, March 15, 1996 at 10:15 a.m.: that the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 163.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE, Clerk, House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House:

House of Representatives, Office of the Clerk, Washington, DC, March 18, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH, The Speaker, House of Representatives, Wash-

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, March 18, 1996 at 10:50 a.m.: that the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 78.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE, Clerk, House of Representatives. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker pro tempore signed the following enrolled joint resolution on Friday, March 15, 1996:

H.J. Res. 163, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

CBO UNFUNDED MANDATE RE-PORT ON H.R. 2202, IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT OF 1995

House of Representatives, Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC, March 15, 1996. Hon. Newt Gingrich,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: The Committee on the Judiciary has received further costs estimates from the Congressional Budget Office relating to intergovernmental and private sector mandates cost estimates for the "Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995" (H.R. 2202). I am placing this letter in the Congressional Record so that all members may have the benefit of this information

Sincerely,

HENRY J. HYDE, Chairman.

U.S. CONGRESS, CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, Washington, DC, March 13, 1996. Hon, HENRY J. HYDE,

Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed intergovernmental and private sector mandates cost estimates for H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995. CBO provided a federal cost estimate for this bill on March 4, 1996.

This bill would impose both intergovernmental and private sector mandates, as defined in Public Law 104-4.

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Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

